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1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 6 SPC DISCUSSION
RESPONDING TO THREE ITEMS NOTED IN SPANISH PAPER (REF B)
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FOR POSSIBLE STUDY IN CSCE.

2. EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY MILITARY MISSIONS UPON INVITATION TO GAIN BETTER MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELD OF DEFENSE. WE SEE NO PARTICULAR ADVANTAGES TO RAISING IT AND, LIKE THE UK, SEE LITTLE CHANCE FOR ADOPTION.

3. EXCHANGES OF PERSONNEL BETWEEN CENTERS FOR MILITARY STUDY AND EDUCATION. WE WOULD SEE NO ADVANTAGES TO CONSIDERING THIS ITEM IN A FORUM SUCH AS CSCE, AND COULD NOT SUPPORT IT SINCE TO DO SO WOULD IMPLY INVITATIONS FOR STUDY IN US INSTITUTIONS TO ALL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS.

4. EXTENSION OF FACILITIES TO MILITARY ATTACHES FOR THE BETTER PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. WE WOULD PREFER THAT THIS SUBJECT -- WHICH HAS A COMPLICATED EAST-WEST HISTORY -- NOT BE DISCUSSED IN CSCE.

5. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ALLIES, ADDRESSEES SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT, WHILE DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AIMED AT GREATER EXCHANGES ON DEFENSE SUBJECTS POSES PROBLEMS IN CSCE CONTEXT, WE WOULD WELCOME BROADER EXCHANGES OF THIS KIND BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE NATO ALLIES.
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